

# AMERICAN LEGION PAGE

## New Orleans Is Preparing for Legion

THE CONVENTION HALL TO BE RIGHT DOWN ON THE LEVEE

"Meet me on the levee" will be the slogan of thousands of American Legion members who come to the Legion national convention in New Orleans, October 16 to 20. A large covered pier, nearly one thousand feet long and four hundred feet wide—astride the levee and parallel to the Father of the Waters—will be the scene of convention deliberations.

The convention committee will be able to seat fourteen hundred delegates and the visitors in the large structure. One half of the floor space will be devoted to the convention proper; the other half, separated by a partition, to telephone and telegraph booths, committee rooms, lunch and rest rooms, ticket validating offices and concession booths. The stage will set fifty persons. Immediately in front of the rostrum will be the press tables, to seat one hundred and fifty newspaper correspondents.

The interior of the building will be elaborately decorated with the flags of all allied nations and with Legion emblems and banners. Palm trees and miniature live oaks hung with the moss which flourishes only in Louisiana, will be placed about the hall. Amplifiers and magna vox equipment will be installed to guard against any trouble with acoustics. The Legion committee will spend ten thousand dollars in preparing the pier for convention use.

### WANTED—COPIES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY

In order to complete their American Legion Weekly files, the Wisconsin department of the American Legion is making an effort to get the following copies of the weekly: September 12, November 21 and December 19, 1910; January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, April 16, 23 and 30, 1920; May 13, August 5 and 19, and September 23, 1922.

Posts or individuals having any of these issues, will confer a favor on the Wisconsin department by sending them to the American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

### Anyway, What's a Shiver?

Shivers went down the spines of 1,987,654 veterans of the A. E. F. when they read about Mile. de Cathelineau, who is suing Maj. John L. Feeney, A. E. F., for breach of promise. If she wins, and others follow her example, France may yet pay her war debt.—American Legion Councillor, Toledo, O.

### Handicapped

A Brooklyn colored man was all beaten up and the judge advised him to keep out of bad company. "I kain't yo' honor," replied the man. "I kain't keep enough money together to obscure a dee-voce."—New York Evening Mail.

## "Fore" and "Seven" At New Orleans

BUT THEY WILL NOT MEAN "LITTLE JOE" WITH THE FORMER

New Orleans sportsmen are preparing for lively competition at the American Legion national convention golf tournament over the New Orleans Country Club course, October 16, 17, 18 and 19. The tournament will be open to all American Legion members and members of the Legion Auxiliary.

The qualifying round will be eighteen holes, with the lowest 64 qualifying. The final round will consist of 36 holes medals play. The tournament will be divided into three competitions: Men of the Legion, women of the Legion, and women of the American Legion Auxiliary. Medals and trophies will be awarded winners and runners-up in each event.

Nelson M. Whitney, a member of the American team at the Olympic games and former golf champion of the South will be in charge of the Legion tournament.

### LEGIONNAIRE AS PIG HUNTER

One of the local Legionnaires went pig hunting at Kokee last week. We asked for details of his adventure but they were not forthcoming and the following account is by the senator who was a spectator.

"The dogs flushed up a pig in that open plateau just off the Kalalau trail. He was a little fellow—too small to shoot and I called to Henderson to catch him. Henderson got off his horse and proceeded to remove his coat. I didn't know what this was for unless he expected a long, hot chase. Holding the coat above his head like he was trying to catch butterflies, he rushed madly after the pig, and then flop. The coat always marked the spot where the pig had been. The pig finally became exhausted and lay down. When I got up to them Henderson had the pig in one arm and was talking some kind of foreign lingo. "Look," he said, exhibiting several crawling things in the palm of his hand, "they're real French cooties and understand every word I say. The pig's full of 'em."

### INFORMATION WANTED

Tuxedo Balthis would like to get some authoritative information on the time required to raise a mustache. He says that the new fall styles are going to be fuzzy felt hats and it would be nice to have a mustache to match.

### TRAGEDY OF THE GOLF COURSE

Last week one of the prize cows of the Lihue herd was found dead in the pasture adjoining the golf course. Dr. Golding was called in and after holding a post-mortem he denied the rumor that the cow had been killed by the impact of a golf ball. Doc says the cow died of hemorrhage—from excessive laughing. Engelhard and Baggott played a twosome that morning.

## WHAT GERMANY IS DOING FOR HER DISABLED VETERANS

Returned tourists from Germany visiting the American Legion headquarters here tell of a nation sunk low economically—a nation paying in part the penalty of an unjust war—BUT CARING FOR HER SONS WHO FOUGHT. These visitors praise the speedy effort put forth by the German government in caring for the dependents of her dead and disabled, and in rehabilitating the wounded for gainful occupations. Most of those who have come closely in contact with the work done by the German government loyally aided by the public along these lines declare they marvelled at the expedition with which the nation undertook the big task and how successful it has carried it out, in view of the severely depleted national treasury and the lack of facilities. Without drawing odious comparisons, they inquire closely into what our own country has done since the great war ended and the problem presented itself.

A. A. Sprague, chairman of the national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion, in a recent letter to Brig. Gen. C. E. Sawyer, personal physician of President Harding and chief co-ordinator in charge of the plans for the treatment and care of disabled American veterans, accused the general of seriously delaying and interfering with a hospitalization program already agreed upon and ordered by congress.

The American Legion declares more than four thousand five hundred mental cases are still confined in contract institutions unfit for their care, and of the remaining 4,715 victims of mental disorders due to the war, only 3,500 are in government institutions devoted entirely to their care.

Hardly had Germany's millions of disabled been returned to their homes, those who have studied the work there say, before the government began paying out of its scanty treasury money to the wounded and the dependents of the dead, at the same time starting the disabled in vocational training—often carried on by those who had not been wounded. But that is not all.

Realizing that the disabled men and widows of soldiers cannot live solely on the compensation grants, Germany some time ago set about to get jobs for every wounded man, not totally disabled. The infinite amount of work involved in getting placed in the hands of a patriotic organization headed by Joachim von Winterfeldt, land director of the province of Brandenburg.

Von Winterfeldt, in the early days of the war, perfected an organization for Brandenburg which has now been copied by every province in Germany. In each province, the organization is so complete that no badly wounded soldier has to go far to report his case and make known his needs. After local headquarters has considered the case of the disabled man, he is sent to Berlin where a full record of his life and needs is made. After a thorough examination the employment director takes charge of the disabled man, finding out the

type of work for which he is best suited and obtaining a job for him as near the disabled man's home as possible.

Germany has hit upon a scheme by which German manufacturers, who may have profited by the war are made to help support disabled soldiers. A law has been enacted, whereby every business which employs more than twenty persons must give employment in two per cent of its jobs to badly wounded soldiers.

The duration of the soldier's job depends upon his giving satisfaction but it is said that German employers have not been drastic and the disabled men are making good. Disabled men are given virtually the same salaries as the men who are normal.

In Brandenburg there are fifty-two regional offices outside of Berlin. These offices have taken care of more than fifty-four thousand soldiers, thirteen thousand of whom were classified as badly wounded. Of this number, all but six hundred are at work.

German manufacturers, showing that they were eager to make the disabled man's lot as easy as possible, have installed special machinery in their factories for blind men and men with only one arm or one leg. At these machines the disabled men are able to turn out as much work as normal men.

### A TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS FOR A HONEYMOON?

National conventions and honeymoons are seldom taken together, but the American Legion national convention is face to face with the problem of creating a Gretta Green for a number of Legion men who attend the national gathering in New Orleans October 16 to 20 inclusive.

The problem arose with the receipt of a letter from a Legion member in Brockport, North Dakota, asking for information in regard to the holding of marriages during the convention.

"Can a marriage take place under the auspices of the American Legion at the convention in New Orleans this year or not?" the North Dakota doughboy queries. "If so, I'd like to know full details about everything like dress to be worn, where to get the license; also what time to be there."

During the Legion convention in Kansas City last year, twenty couples were married in convention hall by the Legion national chaplain. The Kansas City committee paid for the licenses and local merchants provided wedding rings and the numerous presents.

"We had not considered duplicating the Kansas City Free marriage offer this year," T. Semmes Wamsley, convention chairman, has stated. "However, the Legion is rather partial to the institution of matrimony and our committee will assist those comrades aspiring to that estate with all the facilities at our disposal."

## You Can Take Your Pick of Bunks at New Orleans

EVERY THING FROM BARRACKS TO PULLMANS, TO BE USED

Every man to his own taste in "bunks," says V. A. W. Steger, chairman of the housing committee of the American Legion national convention, to be held in New Orleans next October. Convention visitors will be housed in a variety of ways.

While the bulk of the crowd will choose the hotels and rooms in New Orleans homes, there will be an opportunity for a substantial percentage to remain on the Pullman cars and the steamboats and ocean liners which bring them to the convention city.

Mr. Steger has obtained a hotel rate of \$.50 a day without bath and \$2.50 a day with a bath. More than fourteen thousand visitors can be housed in the Pullman cities which will be provided with all conveniences of a modern hotel. A special arrangement with railroads will enable the convention guest to live in his Pullman car for about \$2 a day and a uniformly low rate will also prevail in New Orleans rooms.

Those doughboys who prefer to return to the barracks life for five days may be quartered in New Orleans' fifteen million dollar army supply base and in various halls and lodge rooms.

Reservations for rooms, Mr. Steger has announced, must be made thru the American Legion's state adjutant, who will confirm them with the convention on housing committee.

### NOT AFTER A RECORD

Our busy adjutant denied the fact that he was out to establish the traveling record among local Legionnaires. However, he says he is going to see if the Inter-Island will sell him a mileage book. He goes to town tomorrow to attend the department convention. This makes his fourth trip to the capital city this year.

His trip down last week was to meet his wife who returned from the coast on the Lurline. Mrs. Lane says she is so glad to be back on Kauai again that she will not want a car this year nor will she want to leave the Garden Island for the next five years at least.

### Campaign Hint

Why do not candidates for high public office hire wholesale florists as their campaign managers? The trouble with most political booms is that they reach their peak soon and peter out sadly by primary or convention day. A florist in control would prevent that. Used to forcing Easter lilies so that they will bloom at Easter, or hold them back so that they will not bloom before, raising a "favorite son" under glass so that he bloomed at just the right moment in the year would be a cinch for him. Congressmen up for re-election this fall will do well to give this their attention.—Arthur Folwell in Judge.

## Medal of Honor Men To be Legion's Guests

TWENTY-TWO HAVE ACCEPTED LEGION'S INVITATION TO NEW ORLEANS

When the members of the American Legion gather in New Orleans next October for their annual national convention they will mingle with the greatest heroes of the world war. Convention officials have announced that all wearers of the congressional medal of honor, the highest American decoration for bravery, have been invited as distinguished guests to the convention and that twenty-two heroes have already accepted the invitation.

The medal of honor men will receive all honors accorded to the most distinguished guests during the five days of the convention. Their expenses to the convention and return will be paid by the Legion. They will be housed in the best hotels and will review the convention parade in the stand reserved for distinguished guests.

Only combat soldiers can receive the medal of honor and it is not granted for ordinary bravery displayed in "sticking it out" thru a heavy barrage or the storming of an enemy trench. The soldier who obtains this honor is cited "for conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy." Thousands of American soldiers performed feats of heroism which would have won the highest medals from any other allied power, but the American congressional medal is reserved for super-heroes.

Medal of honor men who have accepted the convention invitation include all ranks from "buck private" to first lieutenant. There are five privates, four corporals, ten sergeants and three lieutenants, and their homes are in all parts of the country.

The honor men who have accepted the New Orleans invitation to date follow:

Sydney G. Gumpertz, New York; Clayton K. Slack, Colon, Michigan; Richmond H. Hilton, Westville, S.C.; Edward R. Talley, Appalachia, Va.; Ralyn Hill, Oregon, Illinois; Harold A. Furlong, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Alan L. Eggers, New York; John L. Barkley, Blairstown, Mo.; Gary E. Foster, Inman, S. C.; Philip C. Katz, San Francisco; John C. Villapigue, S. C.; H. Waldo Hatler, Neosha, Mo.; James C. Dzier, Rock Hill, S. C.; Thomas C. Nelbaur, Logan, Utah; Arthur J. Forrest, Hannibal, Mo.; George S. Robb, Salina, Kans.; Thomas A. Pope, Chicago; Samuel Woodfill, Fort Thomas, Ky.; Willie Sandlin, Lawrenceburg, Ky.; Frank J. Bart, West Hoboken, N.J.; Archie A. Peck, Rochester, N. Y.; Joseph B. Adkinson, Memphis, Tenn.

### Synthetic Coldness

Daughter—The preacher just telephoned and said he was coming to call this afternoon.

Mother—Good gracious. We must make a good impression. Give the baby the hymn book to play with.—American Legion Weekly.

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